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Sent: 1/22/2020 9:39:20 PM
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Subject: RE: OPP/OGC: - BNV - Petition re: Treated Articles Exemption.

Ok awesome. Thanks!

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I did look into it, and I talked with Dana. She said she was good to respond.

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Just wanted to confirm you looked into this. Did you email Dana back with a response?

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Could one of you please take a look at the highlighted question below that came in as part of a press inquiry on treated seeds (and related to the treated seed petition). Do you know what they're getting at (and could you please fill me in)? Kaythi could use this info by today.

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More from the reporter. Thanks in advance:

I forgot that one of your previous response did actually address the petition.

“In 2017, EPA received a Petition to Regulate Coated Seeds under FIFRA that raises a number of questions related to treated seeds and the treated article regulation. In 2018, we opened a docket and invited public comment on the petition. The agency is reviewing comments received and will respond to the petition when our analysis is complete.”

So, I guess I can use this, unless there is something more specific EPA could say besides “we will respond when our analysis is complete.” For instance, is it reasonable to assume a response will come this year?

Also, on related topic, I’ve been told by a number of researchers that EPA was in the process of collecting data for an efficacy study about the use of neonic seeds and corn, similar to the one it published on soybeans.

<https://www.epa.gov/pollinator-protection/benefits-neonicotinoid-seed-treatments-soybean-production>

Can EPA offer some clarity about why that study was cancelled?

Thanks again, and apologies for the confusion.

Best,
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Cheers, R.

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Good morning everyone,

Thanks in advance for any insight.

Cheers, R.

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Hi Robert,

I actually have a media request for you today.

I'm finally finishing my long-awaited story about pesticide seed coatings, and the "treated article" exemption. You did already provide some responses for about specific questions, however I did want to follow up about this citizen petition, from the Center for Food Safety. EPA posted it to the FR over a year ago.

<https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=EPA-HQ-OPP-2018-0805>

Can you comment on whether or not EPA plans to address this petition in any way in the coming months? What's the typical process/timeline for petitions? Is the agency required to respond by a particular time?

Any clarity you could provide about the petition specifically, by COB today, would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks,
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